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Documents AF and AG were cited in a European Search Report for a corresponding European patent application. The Search Report is also enclosed.

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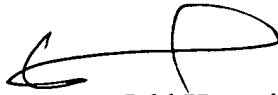
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application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

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